

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

June 4, 2007  
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kathy Keolker called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

TONI NELSON, Council President; RANDY CORMAN; DON PERSSON; MARCIE PALMER; TERRI BRIERE; DENIS LAW; DAN CLAWSON.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

KATHY KEOLKER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; DON ERICKSON, Senior Planner; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; DEPUTY CHIEF/FIRE MARSHAL LARRY RUDE, Fire Department; CHIEF KEVIN MILOSEVICH, Police Department.

**SPECIAL  
PRESENTATIONS**

Community Event: Farmers  
Market

Following a display of photographs of the Farmers Market from past years, volunteer co-managers Nancy Hoben, Linda Middlebrooks, and Meri England reported on this year's Farmers Market, which takes place on Tuesdays from June 5 through September 18 at the Piazza. Ms. England pointed out that 42 vendors have registered for the market, and she thanked the City, the Renton Chamber of Commerce, and all the volunteers for their cooperation.

Ms. Middlebrooks stated that in addition to the market vendors, the market features a children's booth, master gardener's booth, information booth, and entertainment booth. Ms. Hoben reviewed the promotional efforts for the Farmers Market, which include posters, brochures, banners, a website, and e-mail marketing.

School District: Hazen High  
School & Renton High School  
State Title Winners

District Superintendent Mary Alice Heuschel announced that Renton School District students have recently won state titles for three events. Renton High School senior Jason Harris was recognized for winning the state javelin championship. The Hazen High School drill team members were recognized for winning two state championships for drill and pom. Finally, Hazen High School's soccer team members were recognized for winning the state 3A championship.

**PUBLIC MEETING**

Annexation: New Life - Aqua  
Barn, Maple Valley Hwy

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Keolker opened the public meeting to consider the 10% Notice of Intent to Annex petition for the proposed New Life - Aqua Barn Annexation; approximately 297 acres, including the SR-169 right-of-way, located south of the Maplewood Golf Course and Ron Regis Park along the Renton-Maple Valley Hwy. (SR-169).

Senior Planner Erickson explained that the annexation area was previously considered as part of the Maplewood Addition Expanded Annexation, but was dropped from consideration in response to the State Supreme Court's decision regarding the Boundary Review Board's (BRB) authority to expand annexations without property owner input. He reported that the site is basically built out, with a potential 41-lot single-family subdivision, and a proposed 100-unit townhouse-type development replacing a 95-unit mobile home park.

Mr. Erickson stated that the environmental constraints of the area include steep

slopes on the south, the potential flooding of areas near the Cedar River, and the existence of the City's sole source aquifer along SR-169 and primarily west of 140th Ave. SE. Public services are provided by Fire Districts #25 and #40, Cedar River Water and Sewer District, and the Renton School District. He reviewed the existing King County and Renton comprehensive plan land use designations, noting that Renton is currently evaluating its land use designations for this area.

Continuing, Mr. Erickson reviewed the annexation's compliance with relevant BRB objectives. Turning to the fiscal impact analysis, he estimated a surplus of \$120,139 at current development and a surplus of \$69,654 at full development. The one-time parks development cost is estimated to be \$336,089. Stating that the annexation proposal serves the best interest and general welfare of the City, Mr. Erickson relayed staff's recommendation to accept the 10% petition and authorize circulation of the 60% annexation petition.

Economic Development Administrator Pietsch pointed out that the 100-unit development proposed for the Wonderland Estates Mobile Home Park site has vested under King County regulations; therefore, for presentation purposes, redevelopment of the site is assumed. He also pointed out that areas south of the annexation boundary are part of the proposed Fairwood Incorporation's second effort. Mr. Pietsch indicated that some parties may want to become a part of this annexation, noting that Council has the ability to expand the boundaries.

Correspondence was read from Mark Lauderback, 14068 SE 158th St., Renton, 98058, expressing opposition to expanding the annexation area to include his neighborhood, Maple Ridge Estates, primarily for the reason of public safety. He pointed out that emergency response times will increase as the City's police and fire stations are located further away from his neighborhood than the current responding stations.

Public comment was invited.

Loran Lichty, New Life Church Associate Pastor, 15711 152nd Ave. SE, Renton, 98058, stated that the church is the annexation proponent. He indicated that the church has an 80-year history with Renton, and he is very excited about the possibility of being a part of the City.

Bill Hulten, 13836 SE 158th St., Renton, 98058, said he has spoken on the interests of homeowners in the Maple Ridge Estates area becoming part of the City since the expansion of the Maplewood Addition Annexation's boundaries was first being considered. Mr. Hulten relayed that he recently conducted a telephone poll of Maple Ridge Estates homeowners, noting that a majority of those he spoke with supported annexation to Renton. He expressed support for expansion of the annexation's boundaries to include his neighborhood.

Jerry Puckett, 15260 Oak Dr., Renton, 98058, stating that he a resident of the Wonderland Estates Mobile Home Park, expressed appreciation to those who assisted in the resident's efforts to try to save the mobile home park. He voiced support for the annexation, thanking New Life Church for conducting the petition drive.

Raymond A. Breeden, Sr., 15279 Maple Dr., Renton, 98058, resident of Wonderland Estates Mobile Home Park, expressed support for the annexation and offered his assistance to New Life Church to help with the petition.

Antoinette Pratt, 13964 SE 156th St., Renton, 98058, requested that Council expand the annexation to include the Maple Ridge Estates neighborhood.

Responding to Council inquiries, Mr. Pietsch confirmed that at this time, Council can expand the annexation boundary and then authorize the petition for property owner's signatures that represent 60% of the property value of the expanded area. Mr. Pietsch pointed out the risk that the annexation could fail due to a boundary expansion. He said it is unlikely that Maple Ridge Estates property owners have enough time to file their own annexation petition, and pointed out that they can ask to be removed from the Fairwood Incorporation area through the BRB.

There being no further public comment, it was MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC MEETING. CARRIED.

Discussion ensued regarding the consequences of adding the Maple Ridge Estates or Elliott Farms Subdivision areas to the annexation's boundary, the vesting in King County of the proposed development for the Wonderland Estates Mobile Home Park property, the assessed valuation of the properties, and the consequences of allowing more time for parties to discuss the possibility of including Maple Ridge Estates.

In response to Council inquiries, Mr. Lichty noted the church's intent to set the assessed value total level as low as necessary to try to accomplish the task, and its desire to move quickly and obtain signatures for the 60% petition within 30 days. Mr. Lichty said he favors working with Maple Ridge Estates; however, he wants to be convinced that a high percentage of the homeowners are interested since a lack of support could detrimentally affect this effort.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL TABLE THIS ISSUE UNTIL THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING. CARRIED.

Council requested more information regarding the following: annexation interest level of Maple Ridge Estates homeowners, status of the development of the Wonderland Estates Mobile Home Park, and annexation interest level of property owners within the current annexation boundary.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2007 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ The Sam Chastain Memorial Fund, through the Renton Community Foundation, has donated \$2,000 to the City of Renton Scholarship Program.
- ✱ Washington State Department of Transportation has selected Renton to receive \$230,000 in State funding through the Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Program. The funding will be used for intersection improvements at Rainier Ave. S. and S. 4th Pl.
- ✱ At the recent City of Renton Spring Recycling Day event, 545 households were served and more than 107 tons of recyclable material and 880 gallons of household hazardous waste were collected.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: DeMastus -  
Trail Cleanup Behind  
Highlands Library

Sandel DeMastus, Highlands Community Association Vice President, PO Box 2041, Renton, 98056, expressed appreciation to those who helped cleanup the overgrown trail located behind the Highlands Library last Saturday.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Meeting Minutes of  
5/21/2007

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 5/21/2007. Council concur.

CAG: 07-072, Central Plateau  
Interceptor Section 2, Rodarte  
Construction

City Clerk reported bid opening on 5/22/2007 for CAG-07-072, Central Plateau Interceptor Section 2; six bids; engineer's estimate \$1,887,648.64; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Rodarte Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,865,890.97. Council concur.

CAG: 07-078, City Shops  
Roof Replacement Bldg A-1,  
Stanley Roofing Co

City Clerk reported bid opening on 5/15/2007 for CAG-07-078, City Shops Roof Replacement Building A-1; six bids; engineer's estimate \$100,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Stanley Roofing Co., Inc., in the amount of \$113,632.90. Council concur.

Plat: Highlands Park, Rosario  
Ave NE, FP-07-016

Development Services Division recommended approval, with conditions, of the Highlands Park Final Plat; 73 single-family lots on 18.1 acres located at the 200 block of Rosario Ave. NE and Vesta Ave. NE. Council concur. (See page 191 for resolution.)

Plat: Shy Creek, SE 2nd Pl,  
FP-07-002

Development Services Division recommended approval, with conditions, of the Shy Creek Final Plat; 61 single-family lots on 16.14 acres located in the vicinity of SE 2nd Pl. and Jericho Ave. NE. Council concur. (See page 192 for resolution.)

Community Services: Heritage  
Park Construction & Union  
Ave NE Guardrail Safety  
Barrier Fund Transfer

Community Services Department recommended approval to use \$35,000 in project savings from the Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park structural repairs project to complete the Heritage Park construction project (CAG-06-044) and to install a future wood guardrail safety barrier along Union Ave. NE. Council concur.

Development Services: Collier  
Short Plat, ROW Dedication,  
Lind Ave SW, SHP-06-140

Development Services Division recommended acceptance of a deed of dedication for additional right-of-way at Lind Ave. SW to fulfill a requirement of the Collier Short Plat. Council concur.

Annexation: Marshall, Duvall  
Ave NE & NE Sunset Blvd

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted a 60% Petition to Annex for the proposed Marshall Annexation, and recommended a public hearing be set on 6/18/2007 to consider the petition and R-8 zoning; 7.6 acres located west of Duvall Ave. NE and north of NE Sunset Blvd. Council concur.

Annexation: Aster Park, NE  
Sunset Blvd

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended a public hearing be set on 6/18/2007 to consider the proposed Aster Park Annexation and R-4 zoning of the 19.85-acre site located along the south side of NE Sunset Blvd. and west of 148th Ave. SE. Council concur.

EDNSP: Multi-Family  
Housing Property Tax

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval of the revised multi-family housing property tax

Exemption, The Sanctuary exemption agreement for The Sanctuary project (near intersection of N. 10th St. and Park Ave. N.) to reflect the new ownership entity of the project. Council concur.

Human Resources: 2007  
Group Health Cooperative  
Medical Coverage Contracts

Human Resources and Risk Management Department recommended approval of the 2007 Group Health Cooperative medical coverage contracts for LEOFF I Retirees and all active employees. Refer to Finance Committee.

Transportation: I-405 (I-5 to  
SR-169) Stage 1 Widening,  
WSDOT

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for a City of Renton project coordinator for the I-405, I-5 to SR-169 Stage 1 Widening Project. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

Utility: SW 34th St Culvert  
Replacement Project Fund  
Transfer, Budget Amend

Utility Systems Division requested approval to transfer \$150,000 from the Lake Ave. S./Rainier Ave. S. Storm System Replacement Project account to the SW 34th St. Culvert Replacement Project account. Refer to Utilities Committee.

Utility: Briar Hills Sewer  
Facilities Transfer, King  
County Water District #90

Utility Systems Division requested approval of an agreement with King County Water District #90 for the transfer of sanitary sewer facilities in the Briar Hills area from the district to the City. Council concur. (See page 192 for resolution.)

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE**  
Citizen Comment: Dohrn -  
Aberdeen Ave NE Vacation,  
VAC-05-003

Correspondence was read from Ron Dohrn, 3767 Monterey Pl. NE, Renton, 98056, requesting waiver of the certified appraisal and compensation fee requirement for the approved vacation of a portion of Aberdeen Ave. NE (now 112th Ave. SE); VAC-05-003. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
**Public Safety Committee**  
Police: Red Light School Zone  
Photo Enforcement Program

Public Safety Committee Chair Law presented a report regarding traffic enforcement cameras for red light and speeding enforcement. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to implement the use of traffic enforcement cameras for red light and speeding enforcement at selected school zones. The Committee also recommended approval of the cooperative purchasing agreement with the City of Seattle to enable the City to use the agreement's master contract provisions to execute a contract with American Traffic Solutions.

The Committee also recommended adding a new Section 10-12-15, Traffic Safety Cameras, to City Code. The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding the cooperative purchasing agreement with the City of Seattle be presented for reading and adoption, and that the ordinance regarding the City Code addition be presented for first reading.\*

Pointing out that this is the first of many conversations the public will hear about the traffic enforcement camera program, Councilmember Law said he is very impressed with how the cameras work. He assured that the public will have plenty of advanced warning.

\*MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 192 for resolution and ordinance.)

## **RESOLUTIONS AND**

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

**ORDINANCES****Resolution #3879**

Plat: Highlands Park, Rosario Ave NE, FP-07-016

A resolution was read approving the Highlands Park Final Plat consisting of approximately 18.1 acres located between Rosario Ave. NE and Vesta Ave. NE and SE 2nd Pl. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

**Resolution #3880**

Plat: Shy Creek, SE 2nd Pl, FP-07-002

A resolution was read approving the Shy Creek Final Plat consisting of approximately 16.14 acres bounded by Hoquiam Ave. NE, Jericho Ave. NE, NE 2nd St., and SE 2nd Pl. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

**Resolution #3881**

Utility: Briar Hills Sewer Facilities Transfer, King County Water District #90

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement with King County Water District #90 related to the transfer of sanitary sewer mains, manholes and appurtenances, from the district to the City of Renton. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

**Resolution #3882**

Police: Traffic Safety Camera System Cooperative Purchasing, Seattle

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal cooperative purchasing agreement with the City of Seattle in order to jointly bid the acquisition of goods and services, including a turnkey traffic safety camera system. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 6/11/2007 for second and final reading:

Police: Red Light School Zone Photo Enforcement Program

An ordinance was read adding a new Section 10-12-15, Traffic Safety Cameras, of Chapter 12, Traffic Code, of Title 10 (Traffic) of City Code by authorizing the use of automated traffic safety cameras to detect certain traffic infractions; adopting the standards and restrictions regarding use of traffic safety cameras in RCW 46.63.030 and RCW 46.63.170; and setting the monetary penalty for an infraction detected by an automated traffic safety camera. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/11/2007. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

**Ordinance #5289**

CAG: 07-053, Renton Village Storm System, Laser Underground & Earthworks, Budget Amend

An ordinance was read amending the 2007 Budget by transferring \$340,000 to the Renton Village Storm System Project expenditure account from other surface water utility expenditure accounts. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: Paholke - Red Light School Zone Photo Enforcement Program

Diane Paholke, 243 W. Perimeter Rd., Renton, 98057, voiced her support for the traffic safety camera program, and inquired as to how the program will be expanded. Councilmember Law stated that if the implementation of the initial cameras is successful, the program will be expanded into other areas. He noted that the program's goal is to change people's driving habits. Councilmember Corman pointed out that the cameras will be installed at McKnight Middle School, Renton High School, and Talbot Hill Elementary School, and he agreed that if successful, the program will be expanded.

Citizen Comment: DeMastus - Light Rail

Sandel DeMastus, PO Box 2041, Renton, 98056, expressed her support for the use of light rail in this area.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN.

CARRIED. Time: 8:37 p.m.

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Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann  
June 4, 2007